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PROPOSAL UNDER FORECASTING PROJECT OF JOINT WORKING

GROUP ON AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS RESERCH AND INFORMATION

TO BE CONSIDERED AT THIRD MEETING OF WORKING GROUP.

1. PLEASE TRANSMIT FOLLOWING TO APPROPRIATE USSR WORKING GROUP MEMBERS FOR CONSIDERATION NOW AND APPROVAL AT WORKING GROUP MEETING.

2. US SIDE PROPOSES JOINT US-USSR WORKSHOP ON FORECASTING SCHEDULED FOR SPRING 1975 BE HELD IN THE USA IN WEEK PRECEDING FOURTH WORKING GROUP MEETING, DURATION -4 DAYS. TWO SIDES
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AGREED IN MAY THAT EMPHASIS WILL BE FORECASTING METHODOLOGY

AND ITS PRACTICAL APPLICATION, INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT AND EVALUATION OF EMPIRICAL FORECASTING MODELS. ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS SHOULD BE DELEGATION OF 8-10 SPECIALISTS FROM EACH SIDE WHO WILL PREPARE AND PRESENT PAPERS ON CURRENT WORK ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF SUBJECT MATTER. ALSO FORM US SIDE OTHER USDA INDIVIDUALS FROM VARIOUS AGENCIES WILL PARTICIPATE.

3. TOPICAL OUTLINE FOR MEETING:

A. (ONE DAY) ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE FOR DATA ANALYSIS AND FORECASTING

1. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE
2. THE ROLE AND USE OF FORECASTS
3. OVERVIEW OF PROCEDURES EMPLOYED

B. (TWO DAYS) METHODOLOGY FOR DEVELOPING EMPIRICAL ECONOMETRIC MODELS FOR PRODUCTION UTILIZATION AND PRICES OF MAJOR AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES

1. DEVELOPMENT OF CONCEPTUAL MODELS FOR FORECASTING
2. METHODOLOGY FOR EMPIRICIZING THE CONCEPTUAL MODELS
3. OBTAINING ECONOMIC OBSERVATIONS FOR THE CONCEPTUAL MODELS
4. APPLICATION AND EVALUATION OF THE EMPIRICAL MODELS

C. (ONE-HALF DAY) FORECASTING CONSUMER DEMAND FOR MAJOR FOOD AND FIBER PRODUCTS

1. DEVELOPMENT, ESTIMATION, AND EVALUATION OF STATIC MODELS OF DEMAND
2. DEVELOPMENT, ESTIMATION, AND EVALUATION OF DYNAMIC MODELS OF DEMAND

D. (ONE-HALF DAY) LONG TERM ECONOMIC PROJECTIONS

1. METHODOLOGY AND MODELS
2. THE ROLE AND USE OF PROJECTIONS. END. KISSINGER

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